

Chairman Lowell Johnson called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. with Commissioners Boyle, Lowell Johnson, Rod Johnson, Landis and Vap present.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Notice was duly published April 4, 2006 on Page 8 of The Daily Record that the regular public meeting of the Commissioners of the Nebraska Public Service Commission would be held April 11, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln.

Attention was called to the following proceedings:

Tuesday, April 11, 2006:

MCC-3157 Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln.
1:30 In the Matter of Mark Breiner, Director, Motor Transportation Department, vs. Abbott Transportation, Inc., JNS Limo Service, Katman Express, Graebel/Omaha Movers, Inc., Hanson Transfer, Inc., and Transfer 88. Commissioner Boyle presiding as Hearing Officer.

MR-1009/ Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln.
PI-70 In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking
1:45 to initiate an investigation on range uniformity in the Official Intracity Household Goods Tariff 22. Commissioner Vap presiding as Hearing Officer.

Wednesday, April 12, 2006:

PI-110 Video Hearing. Commission Library, Lincoln and Nebraska
10:00 State Office Building, Room 207, 1313 Farnum, Omaha.
In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking comments on the commuter service docket. Commissioner Boyle presiding as Hearing Officer.

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

AD-340r In the Matter of Sound Bite Communications, Inc., Burlington, Massachusetts, seeking authority to connect an automatic dialing-announcing device: Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Jerry Vap, to enter an order granting the application. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Lowell Johnson, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

C-3485 In the Matter of Larry and Barb Wilshusen, 2304 East 29th Road, Hordville, seeking authority to receive telephone service from the Hamilton Telecommunications Telephone Company, Aurora: Gene Hand reported on the proposed order. The Commissioners discussed and directed the staff to review broadband availability in rural Hordville and report back to the Commission.

C-3571 In the Matter of Qwest Corporation, Denver, Colorado, seeking arbitration and approval of an interconnection agreement, made pursuant to the FCC T-Mobile Order, with Total Telepage, North Platte; Heartland Communications, Crystal Lake, Illinois; Midland Telecom, Inc., d/b/a KHN Communications, Grand Island; Mid Nebraska Telephone, a/k/a Mid Neb Telecom, Grand Island; and Priority Paging, Key Biscayne, Florida: Motion made by Commissioner Jerry Vap, seconded by Commissioner Anne Boyle, to enter an order granting the request for an extension of time until May 9, 2006, to choose an arbitrator. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Lowell Johnson, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

C-3545 In the Matter of Alltel, Nebraska, Inc.; Alltel Communications of the Midwest, Inc., and Alltel Systems of the Midwest, Inc., all of Lincoln, seeking authority to issue collateralized guaranties of Long-Term Indebtedness: Gene Hand informed the Commission that the Communications Workers of America filed an informal intervention including testimony with exhibits. Commissioner Frank Landis was appointed Hearing Officer.

C-3567/
PI-113 In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to investigate consumer billing issues in the Telecommunications industry in Nebraska. Commissioner Frank Landis presiding as the Hearing Officer: Gene Hand updated the Commission on the status of the docket and reported on the Hearing Officer order issued April 10, 2006 temporarily suspending the comment period.

Gene Hand informed the Commission of Frontier Communications of Nebraska's request to extend the date by which a formal Triennial Depreciation application must be filed. Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to extend the review date to May 15, 2006. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Lowell Johnson, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

Gene Hand informed the Commission that Huntel will hold public information meetings as follows to answer any questions about the change of ownership to American Broadband:

May 17, 2006	4:00- 6:00 PM	Dalton Senior Center, 224 Main Street
May 18, 2006	9:30-11:00 AM	Elsie Legion Hall, Elsie
May 24, 2006	4:00- 6:00 PM	Blair City Hall, 218 South 16th Street

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

Gene Hand provided a report on the Qwest Regional Oversight Committee (ROC) Meeting held March 28-29, 2006 in Phoenix, Arizona.

Gene Hand announced that Alltel Wireline Company has selected Windstream Communications as the new name for their company which recently merged with Valor Communications.

UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND

NUSF-7.07 In the Matter of Qwest Corporation, Omaha, seeking issuance of an order waiving certain requirements in the opinion and findings in Application C-1628/NUSF, associated with the NUSF support calculation in the transition period: Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an order scheduling a planning conference for April 25, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. in the Commission Library, Lincoln. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Lowell Johnson, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis and Jerry Vap voting AYE. Commissioner Landis was appointed as Hearing Officer.

NUSF-44 In the Matter of Jeffrey L. Pursley, Director, Universal Service Fund Department, Complainant, v. AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc.: Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to enter an order dismissing the complaint. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Lowell Johnson, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis and Jerry Vap voting AYE. The hearing previously scheduled for a date later to be determined was cancelled.

Jeff Pursley discussed the draft response to the State Auditor regarding the 2004/2005 audit: Motion made by Commissioner Jerry Vap, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to approve the response as amended. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Lowell Johnson, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

Jeff Pursley reported on Late-Filed Carrier Remittances: Motion made by Commissioner Jerry Vap, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to approve Digizip's request to waive the \$100.00 late fee previously approved in the March 14, 2006 Commission meeting. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Lowell Johnson, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

E911 DEPARTMENT

911-003/
PI-65 In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to determine whether it should obtain metrics data reports to monitor performance of wireless enhanced 911 service: Motion made by Commissioner Jerry Vap, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter Progression Order #3 requiring metrics data reports. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Lowell Johnson, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

E911 DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

Joan Raffety advised the Commission that a Wireless E911 Advisory Board meeting was scheduled for May 1, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Library, Lincoln.

NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT

NG-0013 In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to evaluate and establish, on a quarterly basis, an assessment for jurisdictional utilities pursuant to the State Natural Gas Regulation Act [LB 790, 2003]. Commissioner Frank Landis presiding as Hearing Officer: Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter Progression Order No. 11. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Lowell Johnson, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

Laura Demman advised the Commission that a workshop on revenue decoupling, to be presented by Ann O'Hara, was scheduled for May 11, 2006, at 1:30 p.m. in Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Rule and In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking Regulation to amend Title 291, Chapter 5, Telecommunications Rules #165 and Regulations, to add rules for designating eligible telecommunications carriers in Nebraska for the purpose of receiving federal universal service support: Shana Knutson informed the Commission that rules were approved and signed by the Governor on April 5th and forwarded to the Secretary of State for filing.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Angela Melton reported on pending legislation affecting the Commission.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

B-1667 In the Matter of Katman Express, Crete, seeking revocation and cancellation of the common carrier authority in Certificate B-1667: Motion made by Commissioner Anne Boyle, seconded by Commissioner Jerry Vap, to enter an order revoking Certificate B-1667. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Lowell Johnson, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

Rate Division

MR-930 In the Matter of Movers and Warehouse Division, Nebraska Motor Carriers Association, Lincoln, seeking authority to establish a fuel surcharge in Nebraska Official Household Goods Tariff 7-F: The fuel surcharge was increased to 62 cents per mile.

GRAIN WAREHOUSE DEPARTMENT

 In the Matter of Schedule A Rates and Charges: A hearing was scheduled for May 16, 2006 at 1:30 p.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln. Commissioner Vap appointed Hearing Officer.

 In the Matter of Schedule E Rates and Charges: A hearing was scheduled for May 16, 2006 at 1:30 p.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln. Commissioner Vap appointed Hearing Officer.

GW-589 In the Matter of Midland Co-op, Funk, seeking to terminate storage represented by scale tickets issued to Wendell Jarvis, Phillipsburg, Kansas: Motion made by Commissioner Jerry Vap, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to enter an order terminating storage. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Lowell Johnson, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

GW-599 In the Matter of Agri Co-op, Holdrege: John Fecht discussed the shortage of wheat, milo and soybeans.

GW-2173 In the Matter of Emerson Grain, L.L.C., Emerson, seeking a \$25,000.00 deductible on its stock insurance coverage: Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Anne Boyle, to enter an Order granting the deductible. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Lowell Johnson, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

Grain Dealer Division

GD-2424 In the Matter of Hawkeye Commodities Company, Grimes, Iowa, seeking cancellation of its Grain Dealer License: Upon agreement of all Commissioners, the request was granted.

GD-2903 In the Matter of FTB Company, Des Moines, Iowa, seeking a Grain Dealer License, subject to the fulfillment of all statutory requirements, for the license period ending March 31, 2007: Motion made by Commissioner Jerry Vap, seconded by Commissioner Anne Boyle, to enter an Order granting the application. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Lowell Johnson, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Commissioner Landis exited the Commission Hearing Room.

Motion made by Commissioner Jerry Vap, seconded by Commissioner Anne Boyle, to approve the following Commission invoices. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Lowell Johnson, Rod Johnson and Jerry Vap voting AYE, and Commissioner Frank Landis excused not voting.

DAS Materiel-Postage	\$	569.04
HHS Finance & Support		703.49
University of Nebraska-BBR		13,090.00
Voyager		1,699.58
Robert Bowman		694.08
Maurice Gene Hand		845.06
Fred Massing		717.04
Kent Pribyl		698.88
Rod Johnson		

Upon agreement of all Commissioners present, the Commission minutes for the month of March 2006 were approved.

There being no need to address any matters in closed session, the meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m. with Commissioners Boyle, Lowell Johnson, Rod Johnson and Vap present and Commissioner Landis excused. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on April 18, 2006, at 10:00 a.m. with an agenda to be available in the office of the Executive Director at 10:00 a.m. on April 17, 2006.

Chairman

Executive Director